



Small Group Guide: Who Do You Say That I Am?

Opening Question:

- What's the most important question someone has ever asked you? How did you respond?

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus asks the most important question of all: "Who do you say that I am?"
2. Our answer to this question determines everything about our lives.
3. Self-righteousness and self-indulgence can blind us from seeing Jesus as He truly is.
4. We answer Jesus' question not just with our words, but with our actions and choices in everyday life.
5. When we recognize Jesus for who He truly is, we begin to follow Him as we should.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus asked His disciples "Who do you say that I am?" instead of just telling them who He was?
2. The sermon mentions that self-righteousness and self-indulgence can blind us from seeing Jesus. Can you think of examples of how this might happen in our lives today?
3. How might our prayer life, time in Scripture, and daily choices reveal who we truly believe Jesus to be?
4. The pastor said, "When we recognize Jesus for who he is, we begin to follow him as we should." How have you seen this play out in your own life or in the lives of others?
5. Reflect on Peter's response to Jesus' question. Why do you think Jesus was so pleased with his answer?
6. The sermon suggests that answering this question correctly can shake the kingdom of God. What do you think this means, and how have you seen it happen?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, pay attention to your daily choices and actions. How are they answering the question "Who do you say that I am?"

2. Spend some time in prayer, asking God to reveal any areas of self-righteousness or self-indulgence in your life that might be hindering your view of Jesus.
3. Choose one area of your life (e.g., work, relationships, use of time) and consider how you can align it more closely with your professed belief in who Jesus is.
4. Share with the group next week one way you've tried to live out your answer to Jesus' question in a practical way.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help us to see You as You truly are, not as we want You to be. Give us the courage to answer Your question honestly, not just with our words but with our lives. Help us to align our hearts and actions with the truth of who You are. Amen.